

Appropriation: Construction

Mission Overview

The Construction appropriation provides support to several National Park Service mission goals, including: Preserve Park Resources, Provide for Visitor Enjoyment, and Organizational Effectiveness. The appropriation also contributes to Department of the Interior goals to protect cultural and natural resources; provide for quality recreation experience; and, safeguard lives, property, and assets, advance scientific knowledge, and improve the quality of life for communities we serve.

Appropriation Overview

The Construction appropriation is composed of five budget activities:

Line Item Construction

The National Park Service Line Item Construction and Maintenance Program provides for the construction, rehabilitation, and replacement of those facilities needed to accomplish the management objectives approved for each park.

Special Programs

Special Programs provide for minor unscheduled and emergency construction projects, improvement of public use buildings to withstand seismic disturbances and damage, inspection, repair or deactivation of dams, repair of park employee housing, ensure adequate inventories of automated and motorized equipment, and the improvement of information management capabilities.

Construction Planning

This activity uses research, design, and planning to ensure effective construction project management in later phases. Archeological, historical, environmental, and engineering information is collected and comprehensive designs, working drawings, and specification documents are created as needed to construct or rehabilitate facilities in areas throughout the National Park System.

Construction Planning Management and Operations

The Construction Planning Management and Operations Program component provides centralized design and engineering management services, as well as contracting services for park construction projects. One of the key activities is a Servicewide project management control system to provide accurate assessments of project status.

General Management Planning

This program component prepares and maintains up-to-date plans to guide management decisions on the protection, use, development, and management of each park unit. General Management Plans support the Department's strategic plan by defining the desired conditions for watersheds, landscapes, marine and biological resources, cultural resources, and opportunities for quality recreational experiences. Additionally, the program provides for oversight and management of the Strategic Planning program component, which guides parks through the planning process and coordinates implementation of both the NPS' and the Department's Strategic Plans as well as the implementation of performance management, activity-based costing, and balanced scorecards. The Special Resource Studies component conducts studies of alternatives for the protection of areas that may have potential for addition to the National Park System or other designations. Finally, the Environmental Planning and Compliance component completes environmental impact statements for special projects under the requirements of NEPA.